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(b) the number of elementary schools under private management, for which recognition was accorded during the year 1961-62; and

(c) the rules for opening new elementary schools in private sector?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 7,841.

(b) 61.

(c) A copy of the rules has been placed in the Legislature Library for the reference of Members.

SRI C. CHIRANJEEVULU NAIDU : Have the Government received any representation from the Panchayat Union Councils that the aided elementary schools which are run in the Panchayat Union Council areas should be handed over to them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have no information.

\* 97 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH (on behalf of SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the rules in force regarding the assessment of grants to elementary schools under private managements in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A copy of the pamphlet " Rules relating to elementary schools " is placed in the library of the Legislature for reference.

*Food-Poisoning (Papanasam)*

\* 98 Q.—SRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the number of cases of death among the students of papanasam Board High School due to food-poisoning on 9th September 1962?

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*Steel Plant (Salem)*

\* 99 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the present stage of the starting a State Plant at Salem?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government of India have named Messrs. M. N. Dastur and Company Private Limited, Calcutta as consultants for the steel project on Salem iron ore and Neyveli lignite. The consultants are now engaged on the preparation of the detailed project report for the project. It is expected that consultants would submit the project report towards the latter part of this year.